

**Multi-Modal Transportation Commission
Agenda
October 22 2014
3:00-5:00 PM
1st Floor Conference Room
City Hall**

3:00 pm – Meeting Opening

- Welcoming of members, staff and public
- Introductions
- October 22, 2014– Agenda – review and approval
- September 24, 2014 Minutes – review and approval

3:10 pm - Public Comment - I

3:15 pm – New Business

- A change in the metes and boundaries description of the intent to permanently Close a Portion of Bradley Street – attached – Greg Shuler
- Retiming Downtown Ped Signals –Jeff

3:45 pm – Old Business

- Multimodal Plan and 10/25 Symposium Update -- Mariate and Till
- Sidewalk Planning Committee update – Ken and/or Mariate
- Pedestrian Safety - Jim

4:30 pm – General Committee Updates

- Transit Committee
- Greenway Committee
- Bike/Ped Task Force
- Ex-Officio members' updates: on P & Z Commission; Sustainable Advisory Committee; Neighborhood Advisory Commission

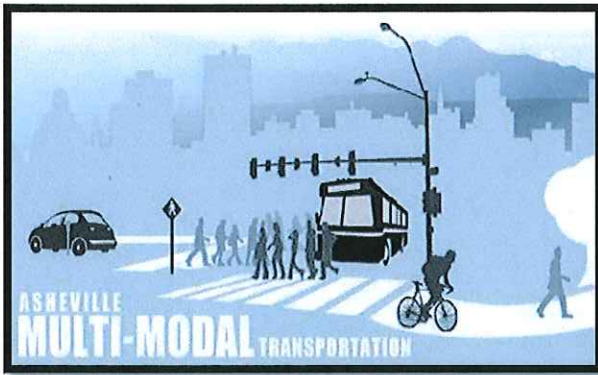
4:45 pm – Staff Updates

- Project updates – attached - Mariate

4:50 pm – Public Comment - II

4:55 pm - Next Meeting Agenda Items

5:00 pm - Meeting Adjournment



**Multi-Modal Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2014
3:00-5:00 PM
1st Floor North Conference Room
City Hall**

Commission Members Attending: Jim Grode, Bruce Emory, Mary Weber, Till Dohse, Kristy Carter, Julie Mayfield, Terri March, Josh O'Conner, Bob Roepnack, Steven Obremski and John Ridout.

Commission Members Absence: Don Kostelec.

Council Liaison: Gwen Wisler

Council Member: Chris Pelly

COA Staff Members: Mariate Echeverry, Janet GeorgeMurr, Gregg Godwin, Greg Shuler, And Stephanie Osbourn.

Community Members: David Allen Wilson, Buddy Landenberg, Gwynn Simpson, Tristen Winkler.

- 3:00 pm - Jim Grode opened the meeting and asked for introductions from the public; welcomed two new members, Steven Obremski and John Ridout who gave brief backgrounds; introduction of the existing MMTC.
- September 24, 2014 Agenda: Adding under New Business Update on Pedestrian Safety. – Bruce moved to approve the agenda, Till seconded; carried unanimously.
- August 27, 2014 Minutes: Julie moved to approve; Mary seconded; carried unanimously.

● **Public Comment:**

- ◆ David Allen Wilson congratulated COA on the award of the Tiger VI grant for the RADTIP project.
- ◆ Jim read an email from Ms. Ariel Harris who is a wheelchair traveler is concerned of the safety of pedestrians. On many occasions, Ms. Harris has risked her life by crossing the street. Jim responded that he understand and shares the concerns and that the topic is being brought to the attention of the Multimodal Transportation Plan underway; and invited her to the multimodal transportation symposium on 10/25. Terri recommended and a good opportunity for discussion that Ms. Harris participate in the Bike/Ped Task Force and APB.

● **New Business:**

- ◆ Approval of Transit Committee's recommendation one open seat from two applicants:
After a group discussion it was voted to accept both applicants: Steven moved to appoint Charlton Owens and Gwynn Simpson; Bruce seconded; carried unanimously.
- ◆ Intent to Permanently Close of Portion of Westover Alley: Greg Shuler stated that the department supports this road closure which allows setup for further development. After a group discussion, Julie moved to recommend to closure portion of Westover Alley, Till seconded; carried unanimously.
- ◆ Greg announced a new COA hired of Street Manager, Chad Bandy, formerly of NCDOT.

OLD BUSINESS:

◆ **Update on Multimodal Transportation Plan:**

Mariate stated that the Project Oversight Committee will meet on 10/24; and gave a brief overview along with the attached document from Kimley-Horn. Highlights were that the project team led the POC members through a series of participatory exercises to capture values and priorities and document preferences and concerns. In both exercises, safety was listed as the top priority.

- Jim asked to provide guidance as Till is MMTC representative and to act on his good judgment.

- Mariate stated the Asheville in Motion (AIM) Symposium is scheduled on Saturday 10/25/14 from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Asheville Cellular Center.
- In the process of developing an agenda and activities; panel talking about the multimodal issues; possibilities; challenges; and opportunities. There will be Mobility Fair to have ideas exchanged with the community; exercises such as the Priority Pyramid; Thought Wall; Map Exercise; building street cross sections in order to gather information from the community in many different ways; and MMTC will receive this information once it is finalized. There will be a big push with the communications; through social media etc. Once the program is finalized it will be sent to City Council and to the MMTC.
- Till stated that due deaths these past months that safety rose to the top of the list with POC.
- Bob commented that the issues from the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) that street safety was included; crosswalks in the Haywood Rd area; concerned in the evening with vehicles and pedestrian in getting across the road without adequate lighting.
- Jim stated that safety is a matter of education; enforcement; bicycle/ped infrastructure which effects safety.
- Till stated that the exercises gave some direction of what the feeling was of the community; and getting a feel of what Asheville wants is safety. Mariate - the exercise was to set the goals for the project. For example, when bike/ped infrastructure is related to safety, the perception of infrastructure was foremost. Safety can be related to the transportation infrastructure; and how land use is laid out; how development is addressed.
- Mariate – the plan will not address highways; it has to be a balance of vehicles.
- John asked if there was a differentiation between traffic and congestion from a safety and security.
- Bob – strictly on safety i.e. school kids.
- Julie – lighting is a major issue, especially Haywood Rd.
- Mary – safety issue in the infrastructure i.e. potholes, sidewalks.
- Mariate – there was not a lot of conversation about the maintenance issue.
- Mariate will update MMTC at the 10/22 meeting on the POC and AIM which is another opportunity to give ideas.

♦ **Sidewalk Planning Sub-Committee of MMTC:** Mariate stated that the first meeting is scheduled 10/6/14 at 9:30am. The City has a budget in CIP for improving neighborhood sidewalks for the next 5 years. Staff to come up with matrix/prioritization of projects; criteria to determine in geographic areas; connections; shovel ready.

♦ **Pedestrian Safety:** Jim stated that one or two dates to meet has been chosen and will report to MMTC; need to meet with APD to as a follow-up with Sgt. Powell.

• **General Committee Updates:**

Transit Committee (TC): Julie and Mariate reported:

1. Working on a set of policies or guidelines that would apply to drivers, riders and the ART system as a way to have clarity and consistency throughout the system by the end of this year in conjunction with Sunday service; changes with C Route.
2. Completed review of the transit survey completed last year that shows the priorities but to expand service later in the evening on more buses; earlier times on some routes; and more frequency.
3. Retreat is scheduled for Friday 10/24/14.
4. Steven indicated that the ridership survey showed income level. Many of the riders make less than \$25K a year; and some \$10K a year. As transit fares will be increased should be spreading the revenue across all of the ways that people pay; and not increase
5. Mariate stated that the majority of the riders prefer smaller increases more frequently rather than a larger increase in 4 years.
6. The survey identified the Sunday service routes; and the options are in dismantling the C Route and constructing new routes one on the East and West side to serve those areas.
7. Mariate stated that it will be all of the main corridors for Sunday Service: S3, W3, E1, E2, N3, S5, W5; will also observe the routes on holidays, for example, on Route C on holiday route in the Fairview area ride on holidays.

Greenway Committee (GC): Mary reported:

1. RADTIP and Tiger VI.
2. One member of the GC is submitting the new Belgium National Trail award.
3. GC work session is scheduled on 10/30 and the role of GC.
4. GC October 9 is cancelled due to the work session scheduling.
5. Update from Dan Baechtold on Craven Street improvement.
6. Reaching out to different groups who are involved with greenway planning and attending meetings.
7. Friends of Hominy Creek and Asheville on Bikes raised \$2,000 at a fundraiser that will be used to build stairs and a shelter; Asheville Design Center will also be involved.
8. Collaborative Greenway Partners who are looking for a partner project for East Asheville. Highland Brewery has held fundraisers.
9. Resident from Skyclub brought a letter from an attorney and the dispute in the right of way issues if private or public and the City legal staff is working on this.

Bike/Ped Task Force: Till and Terri reported:

1. Bike counts were done on 9/16-18.
2. Walk signage presentation from Matt Tomasulo.
3. Program Watch for Me NC – APD set up decoys on crosswalks. DA threw out the tickets; the program is restarting.
4. City of Asheville was recognized for the silver as Walk Friendly City.
5. Letter to the editor to have public awareness on safety.
6. October 8 is International Walk to School Day.

Ex-Officio members –

P&Z: Kristy reported:

1. Next P&Z meeting is rescheduled to 10/26.
2. October 28 appointing/reappointing three slots.

SACEE: Julie and Gwen reported:

1. Presentation on the RADTIP project.
2. Update on “Pay as you Throw” and fracking.
3. Duke and City of Asheville group of community members has formed an Energy Task Force to expand on the idea that the City committed to a carbon reduction footprint. The idea to try to to reduce Asheville’s entire carbon footprint.

NAC – Bob and Gwen reported:

1. Quarterly meeting in West Asheville on Monday 9/22/14 – 75 to 80 residents; and 4 Council members.
2. Each local neighborhood gave history and concerns – highlighted issues related to multimodal, i.e. stormwater, safety, road issues, parking issues.
3. Bike parking – Mike Sule reported that he could get 20 bikes; and 3 mopeds into one parking space.
4. Short term rentals for bikes were also discussed.

•STAFF UPDATES:

Project updates: Mariate and Julie reported:

1. Received the Tiger VI grant.
2. The Gracelyn project was put on hold due to lack of funding.
3. Hendersonville Road and Craven Street projects are moving forward.
4. Haywood Road multimodal improvements are moving forward; waiting on the Craven Street project to be completed. Bike route is still accessible.

5. A report from Al Kopf on the Beaucatcher Greenway – the consultant is refining the trail alignments and how to share the alignments with the public.

6. Question on ADA compliant on audio pedestrian signals will come soon and that the City should begin in the City. Mariate stated that due to lack of funding the audio signals will be retrofit the equipment.

Planning Department – Blake reported:

1. The Reed Creek ribbon cutting on 10/9/14 at 3:30pm at Catawba and WT Weaver streets.

Public Comment: none.

Gwen stated that the misconception of the citizens that the RADTIP Tiger VI grant funding is planned for this project and it is earmarked for specific areas.

Note: Due to the holidays, MMTC voted to combine November and December meeting to 12/3/14.

Agenda Items:

4:50 pm – Jim adjourned the meeting

STAFF REPORT

To: Multi Modal Transportation Commission Date: November 25, 2014
From: Greg Shuler, Director of Public Works Prepared by: Richard Grant
Solid Waste Services Manager
Subject: Resolution of Intent to Permanently Close a Portion of Bradley Street

Summary Statement: The consideration of a resolution of intent to permanently close an portion of Bradley Street.

Review: N. C. Gen. Stat. sec 160A-299 grants cities the authority to permanently close streets and alleys.

Pursuant to this statute, adjoining property owners, Sandra Alexander of 8 Moore Avenue Megan and John Griffin of 430 State Street, Jay Fiano – multiple properties adjacent to the closure area, Aaron Marmaret and B. J. Harden Jones of 147 Bradley Street, have requested the City of Asheville to permanently close a portion of Bradley Street.. A copy of this resolution of intent shall be sent by registered or certified mail to all owner of this property abutting this alley, not joining in the petition to close.

This closure allows maximum land use potential for further development complying with the Asheville City Development Plan, Land Use. The Strategic Plan Goals most closely aligned with this closure request is the Job Growth and Community Development Goal in that it will provide infill growth to make efficient use of existing resources.

Pros:

- There will be no future compromise of ingress/egress to other property
- The closure would allow for more efficient use of the existing adjacent properties
- Meets Council's goals to promote sustainable high density infill growth that makes efficient use of existing resources

Con:

- None

Fiscal Impact: There will be no fiscal impact related to this closure.

Recommendation: City staff recommends City Council adopt the resolution of intent to permanently close a portion of Bradley Street..

Attachments:

- (1) Location Map
- (2) Proposed Resolution




Right Of Way Closure

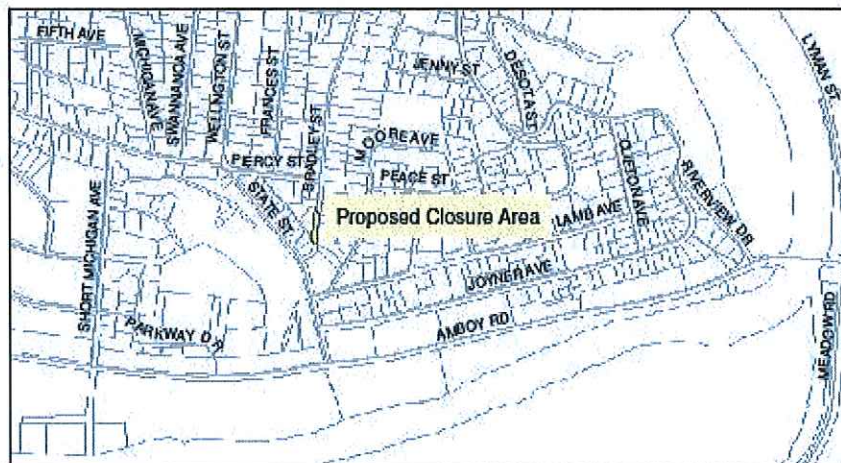
Closure of a portion of Bradley Street



Legend

- Local Interstate Highways (Buncombe County)
- Local US Highways (Buncombe County)
- Local NC Highway (Buncombe County)
- Local Highway Ramps (Buncombe County)
- Local Blue Ridge Parkway (Buncombe County)
- NC Interstate Highways (Generalized)
- Streets (Buncombe County)

 Proposed Closure Area



RESOLUTION NO. 14-

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PERMENTLY CLOSE A PORTION OF BRADLEY STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville is hereby declaring its intent to permanently close a portion of Bradley Street; and

WHEREAS, said rights-of-way are not under the control of the North Carolina Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

Bradley Street Area #1

1. Beginning at a calculated point in the existing easterly right of way of a private right of way named Bradley Street (Plat Book 16 Page 10 & Plat Book 138 Page 94), said point of beginning being located N 05°50'33" E, 31.40' from a 5/8" Rebar w/ID cap "WCLS" being the northwest corner of Lot 2-R as shown in Plat Book 167 Page 80, having NC Grid Coordinates: Northing: 681,047.90', Easting: 937,397.01' NAD 83 (NSRS 2007), and said rebar being located N 20°35'33" W, 751.87' (grid distance) (combined factor: 0.99979761) from N.C.G.S. "Papa Joe" having published NC Grid Coordinates: Northing: 680,344.07', Easting: 937,661.46' NAD 83 (NSRS 2007), Elevation: 1,980.5' (NAVD 88); thence from the Point of Beginning and crossing the existing right of way of Bradley Street (Plat Book 16 Page 10) N 84°09'27" W, 30.23' to a 5/8" Rebar w/ID cap "WCLS" being the southerly most corner of Lot 13-R as shown in Plat Book 138 Page 94; thence with the existing right of way line of Bradley Street N 05°50'33" E, 158.98' to a 5/8" Rebar w/ID cap "WCLS"; thence with the existing Bradley Street right of way for a turn-around as shown on Plat Book 138 Page 94 the following three calls:
 1. N 84°09'27" W, 19.77' to a 5/8" Rebar w/ID cap "WCLS";
 2. thence N 05°50'33" E, 29.03' 5/8" Rebar w/ID cap "WCLS";
 3. thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 29.83', with a radius of 23.00', with a chord bearing of N 51°11'35" E, with a chord length of 27.78' to a calculated point;

thence with the existing right of way line of Bradley Street as shown on Plat Bok 16 Page 10 and Plat Book 138 Page 94 N 05°50'33" E, 36.62' to a calculated point, the southeasterly corner of Lot 20-R as shown on Plat Book 136 Page 167; thence leaving said existing right of way and with the future westerly right of way of Bradley Street the following three calls:

1. S 05°06'13" W, 18.22' to a calculated point;
2. thence with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 64.96', with a radius of 85.00', with a chord bearing of S 16°03'04" E, with a chord length of 63.39' to a calculated point;
3. thence with a reverse curve turning to the right with an arc length of 10.66', with a radius of 85.00', with a chord bearing of S 34°21'02" E, with a chord length of 10.66' to a calculated point at the intersection of the future westerly right of way of Bradley Street and the existing southerly right of way of for a turn-around of said street as shown on Plat Book 138 Page 94;

thence with said turn-around right of way line N 84°09'27" W, 0.51' to a 5/8" Rebar w/ID cap "WCLS" on the existing easterly right of way line of Bradley Street; thence with said right of way line S 05°50'33" W, 158.98', which is the point of beginning,

having an area of 0.141 acres (6,158.5 square feet).

The described area is subject to a 20' City of Asheville waterline easement as recorded in Deed Book 5143 Page's 1019, 1022, 1025, 1028, 1031, & 1034 and Plat Book 138 Page 23.

All bearings are based on NC Grid North NAD 83 (NSRS 2007) and all distances are horizontal ground distances unless otherwise noted.

The foregoing description is based on an unrecorded plat by John Wesley Cole, PLS of Wes Cole Land Surveying, PA, dated July 31, 2014, and revised on September 10, 2014 and October 1, 2014, entitled "A Plat Showing Proposed Partial Closure of: Bradley Street for Fiano Properties, Inc.", Project Number: 11-007.

Bradley Street Area #2

Beginning at a calculated point where the future easterly right of way line of Bradley Street intersects the existing right of way line for a turn-around of said street as shown on Plat Book 138 Page 94, said point of beginning being located the following two courses and distances from the terminus of the 10th call of Area #1 above: S 84°09'27" E, 19.49' and N 05°50'33" E, 23.68'; thence from the Point of Beginning and crossing the existing right of way for a turn-around of Bradley Street and with the future easterly right of way of said street with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 7.03', with a radius of 115.00', with a chord bearing of N 36°11'37" W, with a chord length of 7.03' to a calculated point; thence with a reverse curve turning to the right with an arc length of 2.71', with a radius of 55.00', with a chord bearing of N 36°31'59" W, with a chord length of 2.71' to a calculated point at a point where the future easterly right of way line intersects the existing right of way line for a turn-around for Bradley Street; thence with said existing right of way line, a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 6.82', with a radius of 23.00', with a chord bearing of S 68°10'08" E, with a chord length of 6.79' to a 5/8" Rebar w/ID cap "WCLS"; thence S 05°50'33" W, 5.35', which is the point of beginning,

having an area of 16.05 square feet .

The described area is subject to a 20' MSD sewer easement as recorded in Deed Book 5202 Page 1809 and Plat Book 138 Page 189.

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2. The City Council hereby declares its intent to permanently close a portion of Bradley Street. A public hearing on the question of permanently closing an unnamed alley off of Broad Street is hereby called for on October 28, 2014, at the regular meeting of the City Council beginning at 5:00 pm., in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the City Hall Building, Asheville, North Carolina.
3. This resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Buncombe County, North Carolina, once per week for four successive weeks prior to the aforesaid public hearing on January 13, 2014.

4. The notice of closing and the public hearing herein ordered (copy of this resolution being sufficient for the purpose of said notice), shall be prominently posted in at least two places along the aforementioned portion of Bradley Street. Additionally, a copy of this resolution of intent shall be sent by registered or certified mail to all owners of property abutting this alley, not joining in the petition to close, as shown on the Buncombe County tax maps. The persons effecting the said posting and mailing shall file an affidavit thereof with the City Clerk prior to the public hearing scheduled herein.

Read, approved and adopted this 25th day of November, 2014.

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney